

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A painting tool comprising:

a flat pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first paint engaging side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface located thereon;

means mounted to the coupling surface having an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein

a handle having a first member comprising a ball at one end to engage the recessed socket, an intermediate portion and an externally threaded portion at the other end and a second elongated member having an internal thread recess at each end one end recess engaging the threaded portion of the first member; and,

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position.

Claim 2 (previously cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 11 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface includes an elongated portion having two sides including sloped parallel edge portions, said edge portions slidably engaging the extending side channel portions of the pad coupling surface and further including

a tab on one of said edge portions engaging the cutaway section of one side portion to lock the pad to the mounting means.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the ball at one end of the handle portion comprises a ball integrally mounted to the solid intermediate portion of the first handle member.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the intermediate handle portion includes one end having a portion integrally molded to the ball, a curved portion attached thereto, a flange extending outwardly from the curved portion and an outer elongated portion at the other end.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein:

the upwardly projecting portion includes external threads ~~whereabout~~ thereabout the mounting means comprises an internally threaded nut positioned about the curved handle portion and engaging the threads on the upwardly extending threaded portion with the recessed socket to secure the ball in the socket and further including a washer mounted between the nut and the threaded portion for locking purposes.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein:

the outer second elongated ~~gripping-portion member~~ includes a contoured rubber-gripping member mounted over the second handle member.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface further includes a first raised portion and a second raised portion extending upwardly from the first raised portion and guide wheels projecting outwardly from each of said the first raised portions.

Claim 9 (previously amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 4 wherein:

the ball includes a plurality of spaced parallel slots.

Claim 10 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the upwardly projecting portion includes a threaded exterior, the mounting means further includes internal threads to mesh therewith, and a lock washer mounted therebetween.

Claim 11 (currently amended)

A painting tool comprising:

a flat pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first paint engaging side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface mounted thereto;

means mounted to the coupling surface having an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein;

a [[solid]] handle portion having a ball at one end to engage the recessed socket, an elongated intermediate portion, and an externally threaded surface at the other end;

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position; and,

the pad comprises an integral elongated body and wherein the coupling surface comprises a rigid substantially rectangular main body having parallel side portions, said side portions each having inwardly and upwardly extending portions forming a channel and one of said side portions having a cutaway section.